This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1.   (Previously Presented) A storage area network (SAN) including a first and second digital data processors executing a first and second operating systems, respectively, in communication with one or more storage devices, comprising:

a first platform-specific process executing on the first digital data processor;

a second platform-specific process executing on the second digital data processor, wherein the second operating system is different from the first operating system;

a first common platform-independent process executing on the first digital data processor, wherein the first common platform-independent process invokes and communicates with a first command line interface of the first operating system to effect execution of the first platform-specific process via command line parameters; and

a second common platform-independent process executing on the second digital data processor, wherein the second common platform-independent process invokes and communicates with a second command line interface of the second operating system to effect execution of the second platform-specific process via command line parameters.

2.   (Canceled)

3.   (Previously Presented) The SAN of claim 1, wherein each of the first and the second operating systems can be any of a Unix™, a Windows™, Solaris, AIX operating systems.

4.   (Previously Presented) The SAN of claim 1, further comprising a manager in communication with the first and second common platform-independent processes to transmit requests thereto for information regarding one or more components of the SAN.